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1. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HERE AND AS RESULT OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY DEPARTMENT TO UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON, KEMMIS, DEPT. OF TRADE TOLD US THAT UKG WOULD ALLOW SEABOARD 747 TO OPERATE AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, NEW YORK/PARIS (CHANGE FLIGHT NUMBER)/LONDON/NEW YORK WITH RIGHT TO CARRY NEW YORK/LONDON CARGO IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. KEMMIS SAID AUTHORIZATION WAS BEING GIVEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO BASIC BRITISH POSITION THAT CARRIAGE OF NEW YORK/LONDON CARGO OVER PARIS IS OUTSIDE TERMS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT. KEMMIS ALSO SAID APPROVAL WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THE FUTURE AND UK WOULD BE KEEPING CLOSE EYE ON CARGO CAPACITY AND WOULD ALSO BE LOOKING TO SEE WHETHER USG SHOWING SIMILAR DISPOSITION TO BE HELPFUL ON CERTAIN PROBLEMS UK AIRLINES ARE EXPERIENCING IN US. UK WILL INSIST THAT SEABOARD NOT TAKE OUT ADVERTISING ON ITS NEW 747 ROUTING AND MAY CALL ON CARRIER TO EXPLAIN AND/OR AMEND SCHEDULES IT DISTRIBUTING IN US WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT SEABOARD MIXING TOGETHER ROUTE 1 AND ROUTE 2 OPERATIONS.
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2. WE SHOULD MENTION WE TRIED OUT NEW ARGUMENTATION AS DISCUSSED STYLES/COLWELL TELECON ON RIGHT TO OMIT UK POINT ON NEW YORK/LONDON/PARIS SERVICE BUT HAD IT REJECTED BY BRITISH WHO QUOTED FROM 1966 NEGOTIATING RECORD TO ARGUE THAT RIGHT TO OMIT COLUMN 3 POINT WAS INTENDED FOR USE IN SITUATIONS WHERE US OR UK POINTS WERE ALSO LISTED IN COLUMNS 2 AND 4. BRITISH MAINTAINED SIDE MEMORANDUM HAD NO RELEVANCE TO US ROUTE 2.

3. COMMENT: WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY BRITISH CONCESSION TO MEET SEABOARD'S SCHEDULING NEEDS. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE CONCESSION OFFERED BECAUSE OF STRONG PRESSURE APPLIED IN WASHINGTON AND HERE AND ALSO BECAUSE BRITISH THOUGHT SUCH A GESTURE ON THEIR PART, WHICH COULD BE MADE AT LITTLE COST, MIGHT HELP TO IMPROVE GENERAL AVIATION RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS UNDER STRAIN. WE EXPECT THEY WILL BE WATCHING TO SEE WHETHER THEIR GESTURE IS RECIPROCATED BY US.

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